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Abraham Shedd.

The debt that parents and the nation at large owe to its children is so great that all the money in the Government Treasury and all the riches hidden in the ground and buried in the mines and growing in our forests is as nothing compared to it. Think of it—they are the men and women of tomorrow—and they must be fitted to make it a better world than it is today. You well-to-do who read this probably take pride in the fact that you love your children dearly and are sending them to school and to Sunday school, every Sunday. But do you recognize your responsibilities to the children of the poor?

Can you, Mr. Workingman, build up your children physically by giving them the right food and the best living conditions possible? Can you give them plenty of time for play so that they may gather strength for days to come? Is his home a happy one, unimpaired by the cutting scourge of poverty? Poverty that grinds down, imbibers and makes the children of the poor lose all faith in humanity.

This is the bitter cry of the children and that cry shall haunt you, wherever you are and wherever you go to escape it. Are those who remain inactive at the terrible abuses of childhood, are they contributing their share to the payment of the debt they owe the children, the makers of the future? No. They are more to blame for existing conditions than those who profit directly by child slavery. Childhood demands recognition and Socialism is the only method that will once for all time soothe the children's cry. Let us fight for that state where each man shall secure the full social value of his product; where a healthful environment shall prevail; and where mothers, freed from economic worry, can devote their time to their children. When Socialism shall have come into existence, then shall childhood's debt be paid.

THE PHILANTHROPIST.
From Rochester Post-Express.

"What is a philanthropist?" asks Gilbert Chesterton. We do not know just what the British definition of a philanthropist is, but over here he is a man who employs girls at \$3 and \$4 a week and gets his picture in the papers every time he contributes \$30,000 to aid in the work of raising the ethical standard of indigent hotel-keepers.

TOO VERBOSE.
"Here," said the editor, "You use too many words. You say 'He was poor, but honest.' You have only to say that he was honest."

"Again, you say: 'He was without money and without friends.' Simply say that he was without money."—Smart Set.

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MASON AND DIXON'S LINE.

The Oron correspondent last week asked to know something about the line between the American and the British Empire. This line was established in the about Mason and Dixon's Line.

In 1681 King Charles II. of England granted a little piece of land that is now Pennsylvania to Wm. Penn. I suppose King Charles got the title from God, as in those days kings ruled by Divine Right.

Penn advertised his land extensively in England as a "free colony for all mankind." In those days religious persecutions in Europe were fierce, and the people were glad to get away. So Penn's estate grew rapidly in population—and history tells us that Penn was a kind man.

But adjoining the Penn farm was a little patch of ground the king had donated to Lord Baltimore and is known as Maryland. Penn and Baltimore quarreled a little over the boundary line, or division fence, as farmers still do—and the settlers on the disputed territory were very restless because they were liable to be taxed by either landlord—or both.

The matter got into the English Court in Chancery and in 1750 Lord Hardwick handed down a decision confirming the claims of Penn. Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon were English astronomers and were appointed in 1763 to mark out the line, and this line has since been made famous as the separation between free and slave states.

The line runs west from the Delaware river for about 275 miles, with Pennsylvania to the north and Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia to the south. It has no connection with the line established by the "Missouri Compromise" in 1820 when the good Christians quarrelled over how far north chattel slavery could be maintained as a "holy" institution.

A CLUBBING OFFER.

For once the Kicker is going to depart from its usual custom. Heretofore it has selected a number of clubbing propositions for I have always tried to make the Kicker worth the price—and more. I felt that I did not need any side-line to make it go.

Another reason was that clubbing propositions or premium offers are always unfair. Let me illustrate why. Suppose you were here last week, or last month and paid your dollar for the Kicker. Suppose, then, that this week I offer a special premium to new subscribers. Would you feel that you had made a mistake by not waiting until the premium was included? You would feel that they who subscribed this week would get something that you didn't get—although you paid as much money.

Well, after considerable work, I have perfected a plan that will be fair to all. And it will give you all the reading you can do this winter for the small sum of \$1.30. Here is what you can get:

CLUB NO. 1.	
Publication.	Price
Today's Magazine.	.50
Farm Progress.	.25
Farm Life.	.25
Kansas City Weekly Star.	.25
Scott County Kicker.	\$1.00
Total.	\$2.25

CLUB NO. 2.	
Publication.	Price
Today's Magazine.	.50
Home Life.	.25
Woman's World.	.25
Gentlewoman.	.25
Scott County Kicker.	\$1.00
Total.	\$2.35

Take your choice. You can get either of these clubs one year for \$1.30. All of the publications are monthly except the Kicker and the Kansas City Star, which appear weekly.

Now let me explain to you how nicely I have arranged it for those who have already paid their dollar. If you want those additional publications to read during the long winter evenings, all you have to do is to send me 30 cents and you get them. If you prefer you can send 134-cent stamps. The magazines contain good stories and are especially interesting to women and children. The farm papers are as good as the average. The Kansas City Star is a metropolitan weekly that contains all of the general news. And the Kicker is the d—dest paper you ever read. All of these can be seen at the Kicker office.

Pick out the club that suits you best and, in sending in your order, enclose \$1.30 and say: "Send the Kicker and the club No. 1" or "Send the Kicker and the club No. 2" and the No. of the club you want and your address and I will attend to the rest.

If you are already on the list, then send 30 cents and the club number you desire.

Don't that look pretty good to you? Five publications for 1.30!

FROM CEWNINGS.

Mrs. G. W. Minter of this community, died Thursday evening of last week in her 52d year. She had been confined to her room almost constantly for more than a year. Five children survive her. Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Chas. Kneese, Miss Pearl, Raymond and Honnie. She was buried at Morley Saturday.

The meeting at the Chapel is now in progress, conducted by L. H. Morgan and H. Featherstone. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Louis Norris and children of Marion, Ill., are visiting her father, G. W. Minter.

J. S. Wallace and family of Redman took dinner with the family of Warren Hancy Sunday.

Joe French is moving to Illinois. The Kicker for 1914 will be a hummer. Get it NOW.

AMONG THE SUBS.

Say, fellows, things are looking up. Some of the boys are real busy. Pearl Daugherty of Ancestral rolled in with 14; Sol Diebold of New Hamburg found six who wanted that "bad paper," and Joe Pfefferkorn of Oron four; A. A. Evans of Morley landed four and J. A. Daugherty of Commerce dropped two in the slot.

Robt. Hilleman of Fornfelt got in with a pair of subs and writes, "The Kicker is sure the paper. Everybody up hear reads it, but not all are taking it."

Joe Klipfel got his right hand in a corn shreader. He writes, from his home at Portageville: "This is left handed but I guess you will know what it means. Enclosed find \$1.00 for which send the Kicker another year. New Madrid county people like to read it as well as Scott county people. We keep well and like this part of the country fine."

Joe J. Hess of Fornfelt writes, "I must have the dear old Kicker. I cannot do without it."

Barney Jochim of Oron writes, "I admire your courage in fighting graft and superstition."

W. A. Dodson of Bernie writes, "I don't want to miss a copy of the good old Kicker."

And then look here since last issue—

Illmo.—Eliert & Roth, Wm. Westorhold, John Roth, G. W. Keese, F. R. Raines, Chas. Heuring, Lee Barnes.

Commerce.—J. C. Walker, Q. H. Kerley, J. A. Daugherty, Henry Kach, J. P. Blattel, Jacob Diebold.

Benton.—Arthur Chismom, John Ervin, N. J. Goddard, J. E. Morrow, Chaffee.—George Dumey.

Fornfelt.—Louis Bruns, David Elbert, J. T. Williams, M. L. Bryant, C. E. Reynolds, E. C. Sprinkle, E. F. Hunze, David Brant, Joe J. Hess, Sam Spradlin, Joe Belk.

Randies.—Frank Thomas, Henry Thomas.

Morley.—B. S. Curd, Fred Williams, E. A. Greggs, John Little, W. E. Watson, Ed. Snider.

Oron.—H. J. Engelen, Francis Reelch, Lawrence Grojean, Wendoline Kilhauer, Ferd Brucker, E. M. Witt, B. Jochim, Wm. Legrand, John Hahn.

Bleda.—Louis Dohogne, Joe Hahn.

Sikeston.—W. H. Tanner, Vanduser.—S. J. Heard.

Ancestral.—Philip George, D. H. Schiff, Joe Mirgax, J. J. Klughart, Geo. Manning.

New Hamburg.—A. L. Hahn, Hy. Eichinger, John Stike, Lawrence Rieght, John Hahn.

Henry Myers, Jackson J. W. Adams, Anniston, Joseph J. Klipfel, Portageville, Mrs. Amanda Hampton, Cape, H. Holcomb, Pigroft, Ark. D. B. Scherer, Denver, Colo., Rev. H. F. Gruppe, Elk Creek, Neb.

The clubs.—J. W. Adams, Mrs. A. Hampton, Frank Thomas, George Manning, Henry Thomas, N. J. Goddard, Wendoline Kilhauer, W. A. Dodson, Fred Williams.

To the club patrons let me suggest a little patience. I cannot afford to send in each name as it arrives. I must wait until I have a dozen or more. Hence the order may lay here a week or more before it is forwarded to Chicago.

From there it is again forwarded to the different publications, and time must be given to get your names on the mailing list. Hence it requires about 30 days to get the order through. Don't get impatient. You will get the publication a year from the time you receive the first copy.

THE MEETING.

The meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Kicker held Monday was not largely attended, but it was the best meeting ever held. The men present were in earnest and there was a spirit of determination that will produce results, and with a dozen such men behind it the Kicker has nothing to fear. It was resolved to make the paper go—and only a little effort will make it go. Everybody wants the truth—except those who live by deception.

The cash receipts for the year fell \$23.03 short of expense. A little effort all along the line will easily produce a surplus. The new board of directors elected are Sol Diebold, president; P. A. Hafner, sec.-treas.; A. A. Evans J. H. Branam and P. E. Daugherty.

Get busy and put the Kicker in every working class home. Don't bother about the plates. They will continue to borrow it.

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FROM LONE ROCK.

The Misses Iona Blocker and Beatrice Howell returned last Thursday after a short stay with relatives in Blodgett and Sikeston.

Miss Ruth Hughes returned Sunday from a visit with relatives near Neely's Landing.

Mrs. Jake Slinkard and children of Zalma, were the guests of E. J. and W. J. Slinkard last week.

The Misses Margerite and Hattie Slinkard spent their vacation at Malden.

E. E. Prindle went to Allenville Saturday and E. J. Slinkard was at Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. John McHughes and sons were in Illmo last week.

HERE AND YONDER.

If "the party" don't get any more Catholic votes at the next election than its henchmen can get to sign their petition to stop the Kicker, they'll be in a h—l of a fix. The few that do sign it will all come back—and I do not believe they will get as many signatures as I have got NEW Catholic readers since Christmas Day.

Only Cave people would try to buck Darkness against Light in this age of reason. True they resurrected the inquisition in 1911, but they haven't attempted burning anybody at the stake.

W. C. Lambert's barn burned on Monday night of last week and was insured for \$200 in the Farmers' Mutual. Friday Chas. Heuring came down from near Illmo, viewed the pile of ashes and hand Mr. Lambert a \$200 check.

That beats the red tape of the old line companies. The people can do things for themselves when they try. That is insurance at cost—Socialism! But I am surprised that Mr. Lambert would want any of it.

The cleanness of the Kicker's subscription list is something to be proud of. There is not a lawyer, nor a priest, nor a landlord, nor a professional politician on it. The Hons. and Revs. don't take to the Kicker. So long as I conducted a Democratic sheet I always had one or more subscribers in the penitentiary. But I have even lost out there.

Hiram Slinkard, a former resident of this county writes from Jonesboro, Ark., "I want some whippoorwill or blue peas and would like to know who has some to sell that could deliver them to either the Frisco or Cotton belt, and at what price." If you have any peas to sell write Mr. Slinkard.

Dr. D. W. P. Tarleton, a young dentist of Cape Girardeau and son of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Tarleton, died from the effects of headache tablets or powders last week. He was subject to severe headaches and was found in his dental chair in a stupor from which he never recovered.

G. W. Minter requests, thru the Kicker to thank the neighbors and especially Mrs. Jeery Wallace and Mrs. Warren Hency for their kindness and help during the illness and death of Mrs. Minter.

Mrs. Peter Kilhauer and daughter, Mrs. Eugene Mattingly of Chaffee were here on New Year's day and Wendoline Kilhauer was in Benton Saturday.

Louis Bruns and Martin Keese of Illmo, and Frank Thomas and Theo Strabler were in Benton Friday.

The special term of circuit court called for next week has been called off. There will be no court.

John Hahn and Aug. Glaus of New Hamburg and Tony Williams of Oron were here Wednesday.

J. V. Bowman of Morley and S. J. Hard, Vanduser, were in Benton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Glaus of New Hamburg were Kicker visitors Friday.

Louis Dohogne of Bleda and Anton Hahn were in Benton Friday. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Estes of Oron were Kicker callers Thursday.

August Elbert of Illmo, was at Benton Wednesday.

A. L. Daniels is sick.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Henry Meiderhoff a good farmer, who lived about three miles north of New Hamburg, died very suddenly Monday morning. Mr. Meiderhoff had walked to church on Sunday. He is a brother of Anton Meiderhoff of Benton and Mrs. Schumer of this place. He leaves a wife and eight children. He was buried here Wednesday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Scherer and was baptized on New Year's day. Bernard Glueck and Miss Bertha Enderle stood sponsors.

Frank and Joseph Schwartz and their families from Cape, spent the first day of the year with their uncle, N. Schwartz, and family.

Mrs. Albert Vetter, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dirnberger left for her home at Bell City, Monday accompanied by her brother, Arnold.

Most of the hay bales were pulled in before Xmas except L. D. Buchers. He says he has lots of bailing to do yet.

On account of the bad weather Uncle Joe Pobst was delayed with his work on J. P. Schoen's machine shed.

Hugo Legend and sister, Miss Coletta, spent Sunday with their Uncle, Frank Essner, of Ellis district.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brucker, Jr. died Friday and was buried here Saturday.

The report that W. W. Herring of Illinois, who formerly conducted a store here had died is not true.

Louis Dohogne of Bleda, and Anton and Philip Hahn were over at Benton Friday paying taxes.

Charley Pfieser and brother and Paul Maul of Randies are visiting the family of Peter Petz.

Miss Philomena Hamm of Fornfelt is here visiting her cousin, Miss Christina Menz.

Mrs. Rosina Schoen and little daughter, Agnes, went to Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Joe L. Scherer and family of the Sand, were up visiting relatives New Year's day.

FROM FORNFELT.

The Cape Republican contains this story in its Fornfelt items which indicates how "free" workingmen are: "Superintendent Richards of the Cotton Belt came up the line in his special car last week, arriving here Thursday. It is reported that the superintendent stopped at every station on the road, called the agents and operators into his car to ask them what they knew about the agents and operators joining the O. R. T. A conversation something like this would take place, we are informed:

"What do you know about the O. R. T.? Who joined it?"

"Oh, I don't know nothin' about it."

"What would you do if there was a strike?"

"I would hold my job as long as I could."

Not getting much satisfaction, as a rule, the superintendent would wind up the talk by saying in effect, "Well, if you have joined the O. R. T. we will camp on your trail and will get you sooner or later."

It is reported that 85 per cent of the agents and operators on the Cotton Belt between here and Pine Bluff have joined the organization.

Engineer Sam Sutton, Fireman Wm. Ory, Brakeman Lynch and Trainmaster Brown had a narrow escape on New Year's day, when the engine, which was pulling a heavy freight train, left the rails and turned over near Howerton, Ill. After the wreck they found themselves in different parts of the engine cab with box cars stacked all around them. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. Mr. Ory was found to be slightly ruptured and was sent to the hospital at Texarkana. Engineer Sutton was held by his feet being fastened, but was soon released. Had any of the steam pipes broken they would have been scalded. The wreck was due to defective ties.

Henry Williams of Allenville has bought the Hamm and Utley saloon, and Geo. Kinder, also of Allenville, bought the restaurant. Mr. Utley has bought a 200-acre farm in Arkansas and intends to move there soon.

W. F. Koch of Jacob, Ill., was called here because of the illness of his daughter, Miss Dora, at the Cape. He is here with his son Martin. He and A. Baudendistel were at the Cape Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jones are here from Canada on a visit. Mr. Jones is an engineer on the Great Northern Ry. Both are looking extra well.

Engineer Tom Cogan and wife left Thursday night without leaving any address. Mr. Cogan was discharged a week ago for burning an engine.

Miss Virgie Miller spent last week with home folks near Commerce to be with her brother who is home after a two years stay in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Elbert were Cape visitors Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Will were visitors at Daniel Elbert's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sibley have moved here from Morley to care for the motherless children of their son Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Heist have returned from their short trip through the lower counties.

Agent Peterman of the C. & G. N. at Ancestral, is visiting in St. Francois county.

Ben Will has quit car knocking and gone to bar tending for Bob Powell.

Miss Annie Rahmiller of Cape spent New Year's day with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hope have returned from their visit at Bloomington, Ill.

Wm. Willis sold his hotel to J. W. Graham, who will conduct it. Miss Theo Roth is spending the week at Cape with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams have a new daughter at their home.

John McLaugh of Tamms, Ill., is here visiting home folks.

Joe Mirgax has returned from his holiday visit in Illinois.

Three of Wm. Blattel's children at Ancestral have measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Weiler of Ancestral are both sick.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. New died Saturday.

Joe Ziegler and son Louis were at Benton Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Race is visiting at Oron.

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FROM ORAN.

In a recent article in the Cape Republican Uncle Jim criticized our parole law as being responsible for the increase of crime. He wants the doors of the penitentiary wide open to receive all who may not do their stealing "according to law." The exposures in the St. Louis papers of the barbarism practiced on prisoners in the pen do not seem to have softened him. He believes in making people good through fear of severe punishment. The idea of removing the cause of crime never enters his head—else he would quit voting the Democratic ticket.

Joe Kiefer, who left here several weeks ago to tender his good offices to settle the trouble in Mexico, has returned. He never got any further than Corpus Christi, Texas, when he remembered that it wasn't a good idea to interfere in family quarrels.

Joe Pobst, the Bleda carpenter, has nearly completed a barn for Mrs. Andrew Schoen. Joe says the barn is 40 by 60. He is a good workman and does much work for the people around here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berge, Mr. and Mrs. C. Maddox of Cape Girardeau, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Finley of Wiener, Ark., were among the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Finley.

Lawrence Hahn, who had been visiting relatives around New Hamburg, returned to Portageville Saturday. Lawrence is pleased with his new location.

There is considerable corn in the fields southwest of town that cannot be gathered because the soil is too soft to hold up a team and wagon.

Alfonse Robert and Andy Halter of Benton were here Friday to meet John Gangle who had been visiting relatives at Jonesboro, Ark.

George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schultz, came down from St. Charles to spend a few days with his parents.

Prof. and Mrs. T. Glass of Perkins visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lyons, last week. Ludanus Schmidt, Chas. Ziegler and Frank Schmmer of New Hamburg parish were here Saturday.

Peter Dirnberger, who was recently appointed postmaster at Risco, was here last week.

Judge Randy and Marshal Jas. Hamilton of Chaffee were here Saturday.

Jas. Humphrey and Jake Hoffman of Sandywoods were here Monday.

John Metz is down from St. Louis visiting his mother, Mrs. Ed. Holder.

Some of our farmers attended a big hog sale at Sikeston Tuesday. Theo Strabler and Frank Thomas were here Friday.

Frank Metz got back from St. Louis Sunday.

Mrs. Effie Winters is visiting Iowa relatives.

FROM CHAFFEE.

Some time ago Mrs. Jane Stanley was burned by the explosion of a lamp. She brought an action in court against E. T. Eggenman charging that he had sold her gasoline instead of coal oil. There was no evidence to sustain her charge and the case was dismissed.

An effort is being made to get a depot and an agent at Rockview Crossing. A numerous signed petition was forwarded to railroad officials by J. P. Holmes of Rockview.

When we get our commercial club going again we are going to boom our town—if hot air, alias Chaffee Signal, can do it.

The T. B. H. Lodge is making ready for a social entertainment next Tuesday night.

J. E. Kincannon who has been in the Frisco hospital at St. Louis is home again.

Mrs. N. H. Hale of Hayti was here last week visiting relatives.

FROM KELSEO.

A. Martin, wife and children, "Phillip Bladett, Edward Robert, Edward Seyer, Ervin and Edward Schlosser, Albert Heuring and the Misses Josephine Glastetter, Clara Seyer, Julia Hahn, Lorina Schlosser, Julia and Mary Enderle spent Sunday with the family of Joe Blattel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welter, John Enderle and daughter, Miss Clara, son Theo, the Misses Regina, Pauline, Katie and Otto Blattel and Emil Schlosser spent Thursday with Joe Seyer and family.

Mrs. Ben Enderle and children spent a few days of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heuring.

Miss Josephine Glastetter and Albert and Raymond Dumey spent Thursday with the family of John Elbert.

Nick Welter and sister, Miss Pauline spent a few days with relatives around Kelseo.

The marriage of Edward Hahn to Miss Bertha Hess was announced Sunday.

The dance in the Kelseo hall Thursday night was well attended.

Adolph Kern spent last week with the family of Joe Welter. John Enderle Sunday with the family of Joe Glastetter. Chas. Heuring had business below Benton Friday.

FROM MORLEY.

The following persons attended moving soon: J. M. Adams, Geo. Jacobs, G. W. Bryant, Marvin Taylor, R. K. Griggs and J. D. Eskridge. Messrs. Eskridge and Taylor have exchanged property.

Mrs. J. A. Smith went to Charleston Saturday to see her grandchild, which is sick with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perdue visited Vanduser friends last week. Mesdames Poynter, Earles and Eskridge are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Beardsle of Blodgett visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harrison Sunday.

Marion Murphy has made a contract to saw cross-ties and will move his mill to the hills this week to cut ties for a Cape Girardeau dealer.